

issued April 16, 1996, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/769,337 filed October 1, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,278,487 issued January 11, 1994, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/544,230 filed June 26, 1990, now abandoned, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 07/422,226 filed October 16, 1989, now U.S. Patent No. 4,961,043 issued October 2, 1990, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 07/168,352 filed March 15, 1988, now U.S. Patent No. 4,885,523 issued December 5, 1989, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 06/944,503, filed December 18, 1986, now U.S. Patent No. 4,737,702 issued April 12, 1988, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 06/876,194 filed June 19, 1986, now U.S. Patent No. 4,709,202 issued November 24, 1987, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 06/797,235 filed November 12, 1985, now U. S. Patent No. 4,716,354 issued December 29, 1987.--

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Notice of Allowance received in the above-identified application.

Applicant to date has not paid the issue fee.

Applicant has amended Applicant's claim to priority for clarification as discussed with the Examiner. The new Cross-Reference section above is identical to the previous section, except that Applicant has deleted a portion at the end so that Applicant is no longer claiming priority to U.S. Patents 4,553,081 and 4,455,523. For the convenience of the Examiner,

Applicant attaches hereto Appendix A, which is the previous Cross-Reference section showing the deleted portion in brackets with bolded and italicized text.

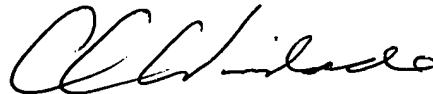
While Applicant no longer claims priority to U.S Patents 4,455,523 and 4,553,081, it should be understood that Applicant still incorporates those patents by reference in their entirety into the above-identified application as set forth on page 2 of the specification. Moreover, it should also be understood that the above amendment should not be interpreted as a waiver of any priority claim to those patents for any future cases.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment be entered and that the above-identified application be passed to issuance.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 707-8889.

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